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ST. LOUIS, MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 30, 1902.

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July three-day closing
by the Post-Dispatch,
the city
down-town districts its
river. Several of the
in East St. Louis are
for the three days.
St. Louis business
for the railroad offices
city.
retail furniture dealers are almost
ed on the question of closing.
The following dealers stated positively
that they would close provided their most
prominent competitors did:
Henry Walker, of Walker's.
J. J. Wehrlich, of the People's.
J. Arnold, of D. Somers.
St. P. Morrison, of The Household.
J. Wehrlich, of the People's.
J. Marks, of May, Stern & Co.
Henry Franklin, of Phoenix.
Morris Goldman, of Goldman Bros.
Each of these gentlemen favored the
plan and all agreed in stating that the vacation
was due their employees and they would
be glad to close for the three days.
The Merchants' Exchange will meet Mon-
day afternoon and will decide to close for
the three days.
The Barker Molding Co. has given notice
that it will close for the three days.
The St. Louis Hummer, editor Henry
Hermann, writes, will give its employees a
vacation from Thursday night to Monday
morning.
The four factories and store of the Brown
Shoe Co. will Thursday evening remain
closed until Monday morning.
Edward F. Martin, manufacturing jeweler
of 104 North Sixth street, will close his
factory for the three days.

O'NEIL BATTERY IN FIRST GAME

Threatening Weather Kept
the Crowd Down.

TAYLOR PITCHED FOR CHICAGO

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
LEAGUE PARK, St. Louis, June 30.—
Threatening weather kept down the at-
tendance at the opening game of the
double-header played here at Dexter.
Clouds hung low over the grounds and
rain was threatening while the players were
warming up. The grounds were in fair
condition, considering the rainfall of the
past three days. The diamond had been
drained until it was almost dry.
Today's contests were the last that the
Cardinals will play on the home grounds be-
fore the Fourth of July.
The team goes to Chicago tomorrow.
Brashear was still out of the game, Cal-
houn taking his place at first. Manager
Demaree decided to work the O'Neil bat-
tery in the first game. Taylor and Kling
were in the points for Chicago.
Taylor's line-up was strengthened by the
addition of Tinker to the game. Tinker,
as was given a tryout at short by the
league management, was let go to Utica.
The batting order:
St. Louis—
Farrall, 2b.
Gardner, 1b.
Dexter, cf.
Tinker, 3b.
Kling, 2b.
Taylor, p.
Chicago—
Morgan, 1b.
Jones, cf.
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The game was a close one, Taylor being
hit to Krueger. Jones safe on Hart-
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STORM AT ALTON AND VICINITY CAUSED A LOSS OF \$1,000,000

The Farmers Are the Great-
est Sufferers.

BOTTOM CROPS ARE RUINED

RESIDENTS FORCED TO THE UP-
PER STORES OF THEIR HOMES.

Railroad Traffic Through the Bottom
Lands Is Completely Shut Off—
Mississippi Full of Float-
ing Wheat.

The storm of Saturday night and Sunday
was the most destructive which has visited
Alton and vicinity in 40 years.
Those who have looked over the territory
within the scope of the damaging wind and
rain, estimate the loss within a radius of
10 miles of Alton at \$1,000,000, and their
estimate is considered very low by many.

FARMERS ARE RUINED.

The heaviest loser, and the greatest suf-
ferer, is the farmer. In the American Bot-
tom farming district the farmers are ruined.
Wood river, a small and usually harm-
less stream, overtopped its banks early Sun-
day morning and the farmers in the vast
expanse of bottom lands were forced to get
into the upper stories of their homes to
save their lives. Their houses were flooded.
After spending a night full of peril they
watched the daylight come in only to see
that their crops so far as the eye could
reach, had been washed away, their wheat
had been carried from the shock to the
river, their oat fields were laid low, they
were ruined, their corn fields were com-
pletely washed away.

TRACKS UNDER WATER.

Railroad traffic through the bottom lands
is completely shut off, and will not be re-
established before this evening, as the
washouts are such that they cannot be eas-
ily or rapidly repaired.
The Illinois terminal Railroad suffered a
washout of 500 feet of its track near Glas-
boro, 10 miles from this city.
The Big Four, Burlington and Bluff Line
tracks are still under water and traffic
over them is impossible till the waters sub-
side.

MILLION DOLLAR LOSS.

Reports received this morning from the
Piasa creek district tell of a discourag-
ing condition there. The farmers in the
vicinity to get their stock out of the valley
into the hills, neglected to save any of their
shocked wheat, and lost all.
The Piasa is said to have been on the
maddest rage of many years and some of
the farms in the lowland were stripped
of their crops complete.

BIG DAMAGE SUITS.

It is stated the farmers in the American
Bottom who have been damaged by water
will bring suit against the railroads. If
this be true the suits will be the most in-
teresting ever taken into the Madison Coun-
ty circuit. The farmers contend, so it is
stated, that their lands were overtopped on
account of the railroad embankment, that
had there been plenty of culverts through
the embankment to allow the water a free
flow that their lands would not have been
inundated.

MACHINISTS STRIKE ORDERED

Union Pacific Officials, However, Do
Not Know the Status of the
Command.

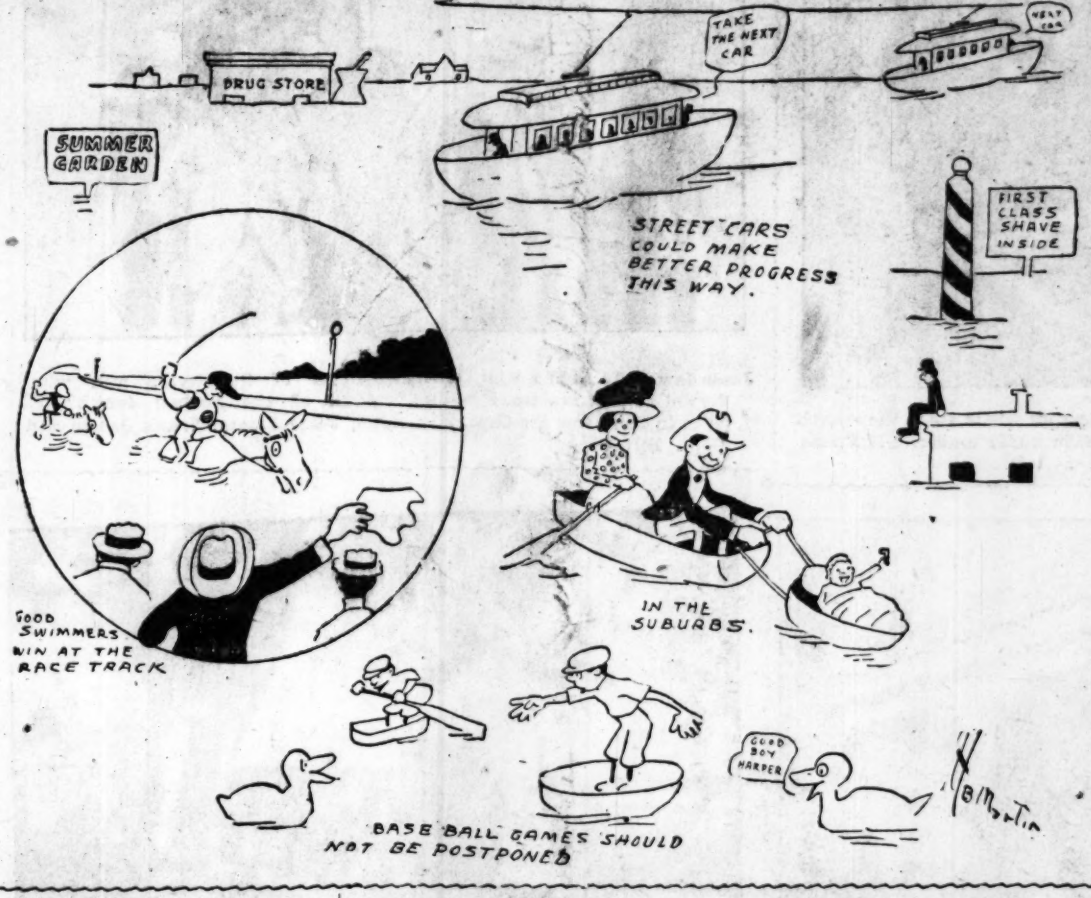
OMAHA, Neb., June 30.—The order au-
thorizing the strike of the machinists on
the Union Pacific system went in to ef-
fect at 10 o'clock this morning. There were
few men left to walk out in Omaha and
Council Bluffs, however, the machine shops
being closed down Friday night. Nobody
but the machinists knew what hour the
walkout would occur, and railroad officials
were kept in suspense until the men struck
work.

WILL MEET IN JERUSALEM.

Sunday School Workers to Visit Holy
City in 1904.

DENVER, Col., June 30.—Jerusalem, Holy
Home, will be the rallying cry of the
International Sunday School Association in
1904, when the Holy City will be the
meeting place for the world-wide Sunday
school convention. The triennial meeting
of 1905 will be held in Toronto, Canada.
The following members of the lesson com-
mittee have been selected:
P. I. Patrick, Manitoba; Ira M. Price, Chi-
cago; A. C. Dixon, Boston; Rev. C. R.
Hemphill, Louisville; John Potts, Bos-
ton; Rev. E. A. Dunning, Boston; Rev.
B. E. Taylor, Denver; Prof. J. J. Denver,
Denver.

WET WEATHER SUGGESTIONS BY A POST-DISPATCH CARICATURIST.



THE PASSING OF CRACKER CASTLE

Workmen Are Tearing Down
the Historic Walls.

A HOUSE FULL OF ROMANCE.

STORIES OF HIDDEN TREASURE
AND STALKING SPECTERS.

No busy steps the grass-grown footway tread,
But all the bloomy blush of life is fled.
The Deserted Village.

Wreckers began to-day tearing down the
turreted towers and the thick walls of
"Cracker Castle" at Fifteenth and Chou-
teau avenue—and the proudest residence
in St. Louis.



HISTORIC "CRACKER CASTLE."

In the neighborhood, Mayor J. G. Barry,
Dave Armstrong, Charles Hoyle, Griff
Prather, T. B. Edgar, E. C. Sullivan, Louis
Schmitt, W. M. Pearce, C. K. Dickson, Capt.
Henry J. Moore, E. O. Stannard, Gen.
Fliske, C. B. Bushman, Henry Block, Dr.
Frank D. Porter, merchant princes, pro-
fessional men and soldiers of the Missis-
sippi valley had their headquarters in the
Brant mansion, a few blocks away from
"Cracker Castle," and Virginia Carvel
journeyed hither.

PANAMA CANAL BILL SIGNED

President Presented to Senator Hanna
the Pen With Which the Meas-
ure Was Made Law.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—President
Roosevelt has signed the Panama canal bill.
Senator Hanna and Admiral J. G. Walker,
president of the isthmian canal commission,
were present at the temporary White
House when his signature was affixed. The
bill, which was introduced by Mr. Hanna
and which he signed, was the result of a
conference with the Panama route.
Before affixing his signature, the Presi-
dent conferred with Senator Morgan and
Representative Hepburn, the leading ad-
vocates of the Panama route.
Admiral Walker, with whom the
President discussed the bill thoroughly, sug-
gested that the Nicaragua canal could be
built if it was found impossible to transfer
the Panama title, and that no delay in the
final completion would result from the
signing of the bill.
Admiral Walker is likely to be appointed
chairman of the commission which will
construct the canal.

CAMPED OUT ON ELECTRIC CARS BORN IN ST.

Two Hundred Passengers Master Stadelhofer Was
Held Up by Storm. Just 16 Pounds.

TERRIFIC GALE WAS BLOWING

GIANT COTTONWOOD TREES WERE
THROWN ACROSS THE TRACKS.

Traffic between Belleville and East St.
Louis was at a standstill for half
Saturday night—Other Re-
sults of the Storm.

As a result of the severe storm Saturday
night over 200 persons camped out on elec-
tric cars between Belleville and East St.
Louis half of the night and exposed to
danger from the wind and from electric
wires.

Prisoners for Three Hours.

For three hours the car and all the other
cars of the system lay dead and dark on
the track.

The wind blew a terrific gale across the
American bottom. The car had no protec-
tion. It rocked and swayed and it seemed
every minute that it would be blown over.
There were about 200 persons and three women
in the car. All were frightened.

Big Tree Fell

Across the Track.

It would be the work of hours to clear it
away, but the eastbound track was cleared
by chopping away the top. The westbound
cars were back to back and reached the East St.
Louis belt at midnight.

Hotel Roof Blown Away.

Considerable damage was done at Belle-
ville. The National Hotel, which was un-
roofed a few weeks ago and the repairs on
which had just been completed, again lost
its roof, and the front windows were blown
in. Trees were blown down all over the
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Clearing Up at World's Fair Grounds.

Over 100 men were put to work clearing
the wreckage of the Varied Industries
building at the World's Fair Monday. J.
Settle, secretary of the Exposition, and
struction Co., who have the contract for
Monday afternoon, stated that the
damage done by the storm would be
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EDWARD COOK DETERMINED TO MARRY A BARNES.

MARY LOU BACKED OUT LATE

Then Mr. Cook Wooded Her Sister Ida
and Got Another License at
Once.

DR. HYATT PREDICTS THAT THE SUN WILL SHINE TUESDAY, BUT THAT THE MER- CURY MAY DROP LOWER.

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NEW RAILROAD FOR BALDWIN

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whose accounts at the bank show a short-
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